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Newsletter #122:

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I write this newsletter from the lovely little German town of Schwäbisch Hall (in Baden Württemberg) where I am visiting with family. Schwäbisch Hall is an old medieval town established in the 12th century and was wealthy due to the existence of a salt mine. Luckily the town was untouched during WWII so the structures from the past still stand in their glory. In the middle of the town stands St. Michael's Church. A breathtaking church standing atop numerous steps. It was here that I sat last night and watched the Elton John musical Aida. For coins, the medieval heller coins were made here starting in the second half of the 12th century. Collectors will notice that the hand of God which displays prominently on the coat of arms for Schwäbisch Hall are on the obverse of the coins. I'm enjoying myself here for a short while before I return home for the World's Fair of Money in Rosemont!

Remembering Simon Bendall (1937-2019)

I learned a few weeks ago of the passing of my old friend Simon Bendall. Simon was a scholar of Byzantine numismatics, as well as author of numerous articles and books. He was a contributing author to the numismatic staple, Byzantine Coins and Their Values by David Sear. Aside from being brilliant in his area of expertise, he also was a kind man and a lot of fun to know. I met Simon when I was a young girl as he helped to do attribution work for my father's firm off and on. When I was in my early 20's I had the fortune of working for a short time with Simon in London. In the last years his health was not wonderful so when I learned of his death it came as no big surprise. That said, I lament at the loss the numismatic world will experience with his passing. There is a nice article about him in this week's Coinsweekly. Check it out here:

<https://coinsweekly.com/simon-bendall-1937-2019/>

Upcoming Europe Trip (Sept 22-Oct 11)

I mentioned in my last newsletter that I will be going to Europe starting on the 22nd. Since my last newsletter a few things have altered my plans. Many of the auction houses are still finalizing their plans so my travel schedule may still change but I plan to view and participate in the following auctions: Roma Auction XVIII (Sept 29), NAC 116 (Oct 1), Künker (Oct 7-11), Gorny & Mosch - viewing only (Oct 14). As the auctions draw nearer I will have catalogs available for customers and I will start to give advice for those interested.

World's Fair of Money Summer ANA in Rosemont, IL (Aug 13-17)

The time has finally come for one of the most anticipated trade shows of the year for coin enthusiasts and dealers alike. I'll also start my 2 year term on the board of governors for the ANA. I was able to attend a session of the board of governors just a few weeks ago and I got my first taste of what is to come. It certainly is a lot of work but I'm also thrilled to be able to contribute to the betterment of the organization. Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any ideas that you think might help make the ANA more accessible for you. I'd be thrilled to hear.

Along with the board duties I will be exhibiting at the bourse at table 1345. My inventory will include Greek, Roman Republic, Roman Empire, Byzantine and world coinage. I've been working to assemble a group of quality coins to offer for customers. I'm pretty happy with the new stock I have and I think you will be too! If you want to learn more about the schedule of events, auctions, award presentations and seminars please click on this link to the bourse guide: http://onlinedigitalpublishing.com/publication/?i=602479#{%22issue_id%22:602479,%22page%22:0}

Upcoming Auctions

It is still very much summer and most auction houses are hosting smaller electronic auctions rather than big fancy "event" sales. That said, there are a few interesting ones coming up in the area of ancients:

CNG EAuction 449 (July 31)

CNG has 792 lots of ancient and world coins on offer in their July 31st auction. There are 72 more coins available from the Michel Prieur collection. CNG has been selling the former numismatist and scholar's coins since Triton last January. For those interested in Roman provincial silver coins you should check out the CNG sale. Many of these coins are plate coins in Prieur's book which is widely considered to be the premier reference. There is plenty to choose from in all areas in this upcoming sale.

Roma ESale 60 (Aug 1)

Roma is offering a massive 1,333 coins in their upcoming online auction. Another installment of the Lanz celtic coinage will be offered in the first 54 lots. The electrum section is also substantial and there are some beautiful rare types being offered.



Coin of the Week

<https://www.shannaschmidt.com/greek-coins/judaea-bar-kochba-revolt-132-135-ad-year-2-1334-ad?rq=gk1317>

JUDAEA. Bar Kochba Revolt. 132-135 AD. Year 2 = 133/4 AD

AR Zuz or denarius, 3.30g (18mm, 7h). The letters in a triangle (abb. of Simon), in a wreath of thin branches wrapped around eight almond, medallion at top, tendrils at bottom / 'Year two of the freedom of Israel' (Paleo-Hebrew), fluted jug with handle on left; in right field, willow branch

Pedigree: Ex Bank Leu, Zurich 7, 9 May 1973, lot 289.

References: *Mildenberg* 34/12 (this coin) (not pictured). *Meshorer, AJC*, 33a. *Hendin* 1384

Price: \$2,100

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The Bar Kochba Revolt was the third Jewish uprising against the Romans (some historians believe this was the second as many do not see the Kitos War in 116 as being a revolt). Simon Bar Kochba led the uprising of the Jews against their Roman overlords. For three years he was the leader and King of the Jewish people.

The Zuzim of the Bar Kochba revolt are extremely interesting in that they took Roman denarii and restruck them with the symbolism of the Jewish people. In many instances one can clearly see the undertype of the Roman ruler.

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If you are interested in this coin please click the link above or email me at shanna@shannaschmidt.com

Until next week!
Shanna

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